Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* That is a matter to be considered then.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* What are their obligations for which this security is taken?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* They have to serve for 5 years under Government after they return after training and after that period they are at liberty to remain in service or not.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: സെക്യൂരിറ്റി ഫർണീഷ് ചെയ്യാൻ തയ്യാറുള്ളവരുടെ എത്ര ആപ്ലിക്കേഷൻസ് കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ട്?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do not exactly remember the number, but I think it is about 8.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: അവരെല്ലാപേരും സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരാണോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: അല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ എസ് പണിക്കർ: സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് പാസ്സാകാത്തവരെ നഴ്സുമാരുടെ ട്രയ്നിംഗ്നു് എടുക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് പസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരേയും സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് ക്ലാസ്സിൽ പഠിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവരേയും എടുക്കാറുണ്ട്.

മിസ്സ് തങ്കമ്മ എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഇപ്പോൾ എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളവരെല്ലാം സ്റ്റൈപ്പൻഡ് പാസ്സായവരാണോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: അല്ല.

മിസ്സിസ് കെ ജോഷ്വാ: പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരെ കിട്ടാനുള്ള ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൊണ്ടാണോ പാസ്സാകാത്തവരെ എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Do the Government pay any interest for this cash security?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes. They deposit the amount in the Central Co-operative Bank and they get a small interest.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I have explained the reason why I have selected these two nurses. I have explained that though they have nearly passed B.A. or M.A. they cannot be and will not be selected unless of course they are prepared to give the security.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnakulam):* Were applications invited for this?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I sent round a circular, Sir.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സെലക്ഷൻ നടത്തിയവരാരാണു്?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The Mother Superior of the General Hospital and the Chief Medical Officer.

NURSES—QUARTERS FOR

20. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are there quarters for nurses in all the Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State;

(*b*) where there are no quarters for nurses, what is the housing arrangements provided for them?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) No.

(*b*) The nurses make their own arrangements

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to answer to sub-division (*b*), that nurses are allowed to make their own arrangements, Sir, may I know whether the Government think that it will be conducive to the work expected of them at all times, day and night.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No. We are trying slowly to make arrangements for housing them.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What arrangements have been made for the sisters at Mattancheri Hospital as promised on the floor of this House?

Rao Shib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* As a matter of fact, I have been trying to get a suitable house for them. So far, I have not succeeded.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: How many months more will it take, Sir, to find a house for them?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: If the Hon'ble Member can point out a house tomorrow I shall certainly recommend it to the Government to rent that house.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will it cost much to put up quarters for them inside the hospitals? It won't cost more than Rs. 2,000.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Far more than that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I will undertake to construct one for Rs. 2,000 or 2,500.

Mr. President: No doubt, the Chief Medical Officer will take note of the Hon'ble Member's offer (laughter).

GENERAL HOSPITAL—OPHTHALMIC SECTION—EQUIPMENTS AND ACCOMMODATION IN

21. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to inform whether the present equipments and premises of the Ophthalmic section of the General Hospital, Ernakulam, are adequate for the present needs of the public of Cochin;

(*b*) what is the number of in-patients that could be accommodated in the present premises;

(*c*) whether the present accommodation is adequate to house all those who come to the hospital for treatment as in-patients?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: (*a*) The present amenities available in the Ophthalmic Hospital are fairly adequate.

(*b*) 41.

(*c*) No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In vew of answer to (c) will the Government see to it that some arragements are made to provide adequate facilities?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: This matter will be taken up when the conditions are more favourable.

HONORARY VISITORS TO MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS—FUNCTIONS OF

22. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state the functions of Honorary Visitors in Medical Institutions?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The Board of Honorary Visitors appointed by Government shall make their visits to the medical institution at least once in a quarter of an year. They have free access to all parts of the institution provided they cause no inconvenience to the normal work of the institution. They may record their impressions and suggestions in a special book kept for the purpose in the institution.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether it is not by special invitation only that these honorary visitors pay visit to the institutions?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Honorary visitors may go to the hospitals whenever they like, but meeting of all the honorary visitors together is held as a rule only on special invitation.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: What I want to know is whether it is necessary that all the visitors should go in a body or not?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: That is so usually in the case of a meeting. It is in the nature of a board meeting.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: I am an honorary visitor of the Trichur hospital. Can I make a surprise visit?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Vesghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Surprise visit—I don't follow.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Can I go to the hospital at any time?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medieal Officer)*: The Hon'ble Member may visit at any time, provided of course his visit does not interfere with the working of the hospital.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: I hope I am not, expected to make operations.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Womens)*: Can they record their impressions and remarks in the book whenever they go? They are allowed to do so only at the meeting.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: That is the rule now.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: But they are not allowed to record their impression at the time of the visit. They have to wait till the meeting.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: They can very well do it at the time of the meeting, or they can write to the Chief Medical Officer, or the Civil Surgeon in charge of the hospital.

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